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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(b), please file a

- ☐ continuation
☒ continuation-in-part
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application of pending prior Application No. 09/757,955, filed on January 10, 2001 and 09/841,380, filed on April 24, 2001.

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Title: SHEET COATER

1. ☐ Enclosed is a copy of the oath or declaration filed in the prior application.
2. ☐ Enclosed is a newly executed oath or declaration.
3. ☐ Enclosed is a copy of the specification as filed in the prior application.
4. ☒ Enclosed is a new specification.
5. ☒ Enclosed are 13 sheet(s) of drawings.
6. ☐ The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein. (not applicable for CIP)
7. ☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a continuation-in-part of Application No. _____ filed _____.

8. ☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a continuation of Application No. _____ filed _____, which was a national stage filing under 35 U.S.C. 371 of _____, filed _____, which International Application was published in English by the International Bureau on _____.

9. ☐ Please cancel claims _____.
10. ☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
11. ☐ This application is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. Please delete the names of the following person(s) who are not inventors of the invention being claimed in this application: _____

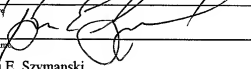
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- ☐ to 3M Innovative Properties Company is of record in the prior application.
 - ☐ from Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company to 3M Innovative Properties Company has been filed/is being filed concurrently in the prior application but is not yet recorded.
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14. ☐ A power of attorney is enclosed.
15. ☒ Enclosed is a return receipt postcard.
16. ☐ Other _____

Respectfully submitted,

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